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Representative Andrew Gray
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 110 – Social Work Licensure Compact

Dear Representative Gray,

The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ABADA) and the Alaska Mental Health Board (AMHB) are statutorily charged with advising, planning, educating, and coordinating behavioral health services and programs funded by the State of Alaska. The Boards are also tasked with evaluating federal and state laws concerning mental health, alcohol, and other drug and substance misuse prevention and treatment services (A.S. 47.30.661, A.S. 44.29.100).

HB 110 authorizes the Board of Social Work Examiners to establish the Social Work Licensure Compact, promulgate regulations, and appoint a member of the board to serve on the National Social Work Licensure Compact Commission. The compact will allow out-of-state licensed social workers to safely and legally treat in-state patients and individuals from Alaska who leave the state.

AMHB-ABADA supports the passage of HB 110, believing that working with other states to improve access to services is key for workforce development and improving the lives of Alaskans.

Thank you for introducing this legislation.

Sincerely,

Bobby Dorton, Chair
Advisory Board on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Tonie Protzman, LPC, Chair
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